

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 29 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 30 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 28 Apr 2023 at 14:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cloudy, unsettled conditions into next week with patchy rain and showers at times. Lower for detail, extent and timing of low cloud rain and showers.

Headline for Saturday 29 Apr 2023: Cloudy with rain south at first otherwise mainly dry with sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 29 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	70%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 29 Apr 2023

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain across southern ranges shortly before dawn, drier with clear spells north. Rain becomes light and patchy before clearing during the morning. Most places then stay dry in the afternoon with the best of any sunny spells across northern ranges.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% south, increasing 60% across northern ranges.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 500-700m across southern parts, small amounts of cloud across the tops north of the Fannichs. Visibility becomes poor in any rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/21 E	16/21 E	19/26 E	19/26 E	18/24 E	14/19 E	14/19 E	12/17 SE	11/15 SE
900	15/21 E	16/22 E	19/26 E	19/26 E	18/24 E	14/19 E	14/19 E	12/17 SE	11/14 SE
600	13/20 E	14/22 E	17/26 E	18/26 E	17/22 E	12/17 E	12/17 E	11/16 SE	9/12 SE
300	10/19 E	9/18 E	11/21 E	11/22 E	10/20 E	7/15 E	7/15 E	6/13 E	5/10 E
Glen	15/22 E	14/21 E	16/25 E	17/26 E	14/21 E	11/15 E	12/16 E	11/15 E	8/12 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-8	-3/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-8	-0/-6	0/-5	1/-4	2/-2
900	-1/-7	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-1/-7	1/-5	1/-4	2/-3	2/-1
600	2/-3	1/-5	0/-6	1/-5	2/-3	4/-1	4/-0	4/0	4/2
300	4/0	3/-0	2/-2	4/-0	5/1	6/3	5/3	4/2	4/2
Glen	7/3	6/2	5/1	6/2	8/4	9/6	9/6	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	500m	600m	900m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Freezing level lowers to 400m across northern ranges for a time in the morning.

Forecast for Sunday 30 Apr 2023

Weather: Cloudy with mist and low cloud then sunny spells with an increasing chance of a few heavy showers from late morning.

Maximum wind: Southwest 15-20mph gust 30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud to low levels in the early morning becoming broken at 600-800m from morning. Visibility, poor in cloud, will fall to very poor in heavy showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to plus 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits.